

EDWARDS TWINS RAISE THE BAR FOR SEATTLE SHOWS

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The Edwards Twins' Celebrities on Stage

Julia's On Broadway | Sunday-Wednesday 8:30 PM, Limited Engagement

When was the last time you saw 20 different celebrities in one night? I saw three times that amount June 5 at the opening night of the Edward Twins' Celebrities On Stage show at Julia's On Broadway.

Seattle, consider the bar for entertainment raised.

The two brothers impersonate celebrities visually and vocally. When Eddie Edwards sings Bette Midler, he arrives onstage looking like, sounding like, walking and talking like The Divine Miss M. It's uncanny. When Anthony plays Billy Joel, it's as if he's channeled the Piano Man himself, complete with black sunglasses and graying goatee.

Barbra Streisand was the first celebrity to make an appearance at the June 5 show. Eddie played the entertainment icon to a T, nailing the high notes and leaving the audience wide-eyed with amazement. He sang "Enough is Enough," "Don't Rain on My Parade," and a medley of some of the Diva's biggest hits. Suddenly his brother arrived, dressed as Andrea Bocelli, for a duet.

The next superstar to make an appearance was Sir Elton John. Anthony's Elton, dressed in red blazer, with spiked wig and Elton-esque sunglasses, had the audience singing along to "Philadelphia Freedom," "The Bitch is Back," and "Crocodile Rock." When Anthony performed "I Guess That's Why They Call It The Blues," I saw a couple hold hands and another couple kiss; the mood had been set.

It was now time for Cher to make her appearance - and what an appearance it was. Eddie, dressed in a silver floor-length gown, flawlessly delivered the 1970s hit "The Way of Love." After singing a medley of "Gypsies, Tramps, and Thieves" and "Dark Lady," he returned wearing the costume Cher wore in the famous "If I Could Turn Back Time" video. The audience responded as if it really was Cher. The illusion was so good you almost forget you are watching an impersonation. In true camp fashion, Eddie began to sing "I Got You Babe" when out of nowhere Anthony appeared as - you guessed it - Sonny Bono.

After the Sonny and Cher bit, Anthony returned to the stage as himself. Wearing a black tuxedo, he gave the audience a rundown of some of his best vocal impersonations. By far, even without make-up and costume, that was my favorite part of the show. Anthony delivered Rod Stewart, Roy Orbison, Elvis Presley, and Tina Turner. When he sang Neil Diamond's "Sweet Caroline," the audience sang along. Kermit the Frog made an appearance, as well as Luciano Pavarotti.

"My twin brother and I have been doing the act for about 20 years, and strive to give people the best entertainment for a reasonable price," Anthony Edwards told SGN.

Reasonable price is right; tickets to the Edwards Twins show are \$20. The dinner menu at Julia's has been changed, so I recommend arriving at 6:30 p.m. and having a meal before the show. I personally recommend the stuffed chicken entrée. If you are interested in VIP seats, and would like to meet with one of the entertainers after the show, Julia's offers that experience for \$30 as well.

From the first note to the last, the twins owned the audience. Because the two brothers can impersonate over 100 celebrities, the show's lineup is always changing.

"You never know who will make an appearance," Anthony told SGN. "You could see us week after week and still see new material."

After the show I couldn't help but overhear all the chatter from the audience. It was all the same. "That was amazing," "I can't believe how many voices they can impersonate." I even heard people making plans to buy tickets again.

"We have been told there has never been a show like ours in Seattle," Anthony said. "If people have never seen an impersonation show, or had a bad experience in the past, we hope they will give us a chance. If they come see us we'll change their mind and hopefully wow them."

This is a must see show. They perform at Julia's Sunday through Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. The impersonations are amazing, the show is fun, and you'll find yourself walking away with a smile on your face.